



**Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition
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Current COVID-19 case count

Scott County – Total of 2,612

Total deaths in Scott County: 27

Newly reported death of a person aged 81 or older

Rock Island County – 40 new cases since Wednesday; total of 2,789

Currently in hospital: 16

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 74

Today's call

A video recording of today's media briefing can be found at

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/covid19/news>

Case counts trending higher

Remarks from Nita Ludwig, administrator, Rock Island County Health Department

We are seeing higher case counts in recent days, which could be associated with Labor Day gatherings. We have seen jumps in cases after every summer holiday this year.

If you believe you have been exposed or know that you attended a gathering without taking proper precautions, please get tested. There is a state-run testing site open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through Sunday at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island. Any Illinois resident regardless of symptoms can get a free test at the site. You may be asked to provide your insurance card.

Child care challenges

Remarks from Edward Rivers, director, Scott County Health Department

As a community, the challenges related to COVID-19 keep on coming. On both sides of the river, families with children are dealing with the difficulties of responding to new school schedules, taking on the role of homeschool teacher, navigating the world of technology and connectivity, balancing job responsibilities and schedules, and also finding safe ways of caring for their children while they are not in school as usual. For many families, this is not only a scheduling issue, but a financial and safety issue.

We are fortunate enough to have dedicated programs in our community that are responding to the needs of families in these unique times. Child Care Resource & Referral programs in Scott and Rock Island Counties are champions for families and we are fortunate to welcome staff from both programs on the call with us today.

Child care resources

Presentation slides are attached from:

- Becky White, Regional Director, Child Care Resource and Referral of Southeast Iowa, Community Action of Eastern Iowa
 - Families looking for care for school-age children or any other age are encouraged to call our parent referral services at 855-244-5301.
- April Berthiaume, Child Care Resource & Referral Director, SAL Family and Community Services
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More information

- www.TogetherQC.com
- coronavirus.iowa.gov
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=2>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics?county=Rock%20Island>
- <https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/facilities/Pages/Covid19Response.aspx>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-outbreaks-covid-19>

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